

## COUNTY PROFILE

# Lac Qui Parle Co.

Lac Qui Parle Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 6W, which is located in the Southwest Planning Region.



## POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

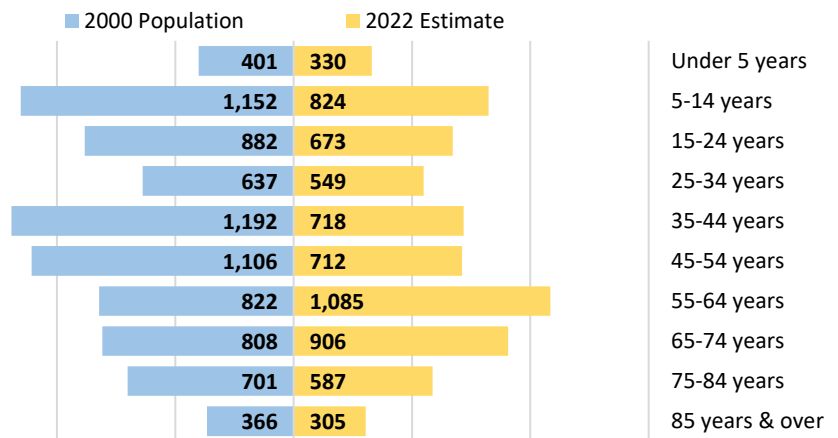
2022 population:	<b>6,689 people</b>	Median Age:	<b>48.6 years</b>
Population change, 2010-2022	-570 people -7.9% decline	state:	38.3 years

Lac Qui Parle Co. is the 76th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased over the past decade, ranking as the 83rd fastest growing in the state from 2010 to 2022. Lac Qui Parle Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	330	4.9%
5-14 years	824	12.3%
15-24 years	673	10.1%
25-34 years	549	8.2%
35-44 years	718	10.7%
45-54 years	712	10.6%
55-64 years	1,085	16.2%
65-74 years	906	13.5%
75-84 years	587	8.8%
85 years & over	305	4.6%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>6,689</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Census Population Estimates, 2017-2021 ACS

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2022



Lac Qui Parle Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2020 to 2022, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. In addition to domestic in-migration, Lac Qui Parle Co. welcomed net international in-migration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

Table 2. Cumulative Estimates of the Components of Population Change, 2020-2022

	Total Population Change	April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2022					
		Natural Increase	Vital Events		Net Migration		
			Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Lac Qui Parle Co.	-33	-68	163	231	35	19	16
State of Minnesota	10,680	26,917	144,350	117,433	-17,365	20,012	-37,377

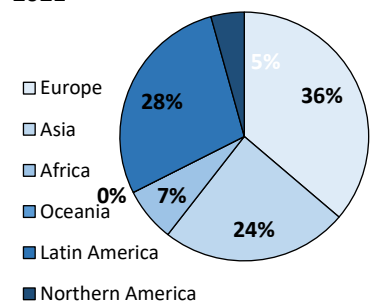
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Lac Qui Parle Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2021, Lac Qui Parle Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

	Lac Qui Parle Co.		Change 2010-2021		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
<b>Foreign-born Population</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>98.9%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>30.6%</b>
Europe	67	36.2%	44	191.3%	9.4%	0.3%
Asia	45	24.3%	19	73.1%	37.0%	30.2%
Africa	13	7.0%	-2	-13.3%	27.8%	89.8%
Oceania	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.4%	17.8%
Americas:	60	32.4%	31	106.9%	25.4%	6.8%
Latin America	52	28.1%	40	333.3%	23.0%	8.5%
Northern America	8	4.3%	-9	-52.9%	2.5%	-6.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2021



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Lac Qui Parle Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2011, the county's white population declined, but the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

**Figure 3. Population by Race, 2021**

- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian
- Asian
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races

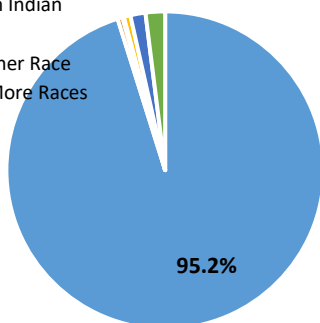


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2021	Lac Qui Parle Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2021	Percent	Change from 2011-2021
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,753</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-7.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>7.4%</b>
White	6,426	95.2%	-10.0%	80.7%	0.4%
Black or African American	34	0.5%	-17.1%	6.6%	42.2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	10	0.1%	-44.4%	0.9%	-8.0%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	45	0.7%	136.8%	5.0%	35.8%
Some Other Race	104	1.5%	188.9%	2.1%	66.5%
Two or More Races	134	2.0%	204.5%	4.6%	121.8%
Hispanic or Latino origin	175	2.6%	73.3%	5.6%	31.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

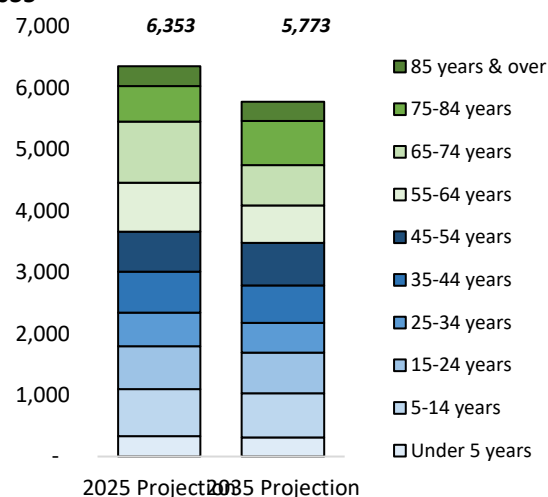
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Lac Qui Parle Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (4.5%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to decrease over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

**Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035**

Lac Qui Parle Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	332	309	-23	-6.9%
5-14 years	764	720	-44	-5.8%
15-24 years	699	660	-39	-5.6%
25-34 years	547	488	-59	-10.8%
35-44 years	664	609	-55	-8.3%
45-54 years	654	688	34	5.2%
55-64 years	793	612	-181	-22.8%
65-74 years	997	655	-342	-34.3%
75-84 years	580	720	140	24.1%
85 years & over	323	312	-11	-3.4%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>6,353</b>	<b>5,773</b>	<b>-580</b>	<b>-9.1%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

**Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035**



## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Lac Qui Parle Co. has a higher percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (92.8%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Lac Qui Parle Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

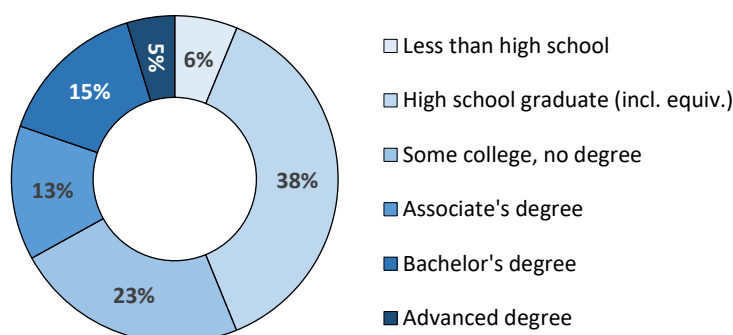
Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:

**93.8%**

College-educated: **56.2%**  
state: **68.0%**

Associate's Degree: **13.3%**  
Bachelor's Degree: **15.0%**  
Advanced Degree: **4.7%**

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2021**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey

## LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 2.7%, Lac Qui Parle Co. had a identical unemployment rate than the state in 2022. After the pandemic recession Lac Qui Parle Co.'s unemployment rate decreased compared to 4.9% in 2020, and declined compared to the 4% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Lac Qui Parle Co. declined over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.

**3,400** available workers

Labor Force change,  
2007-2022

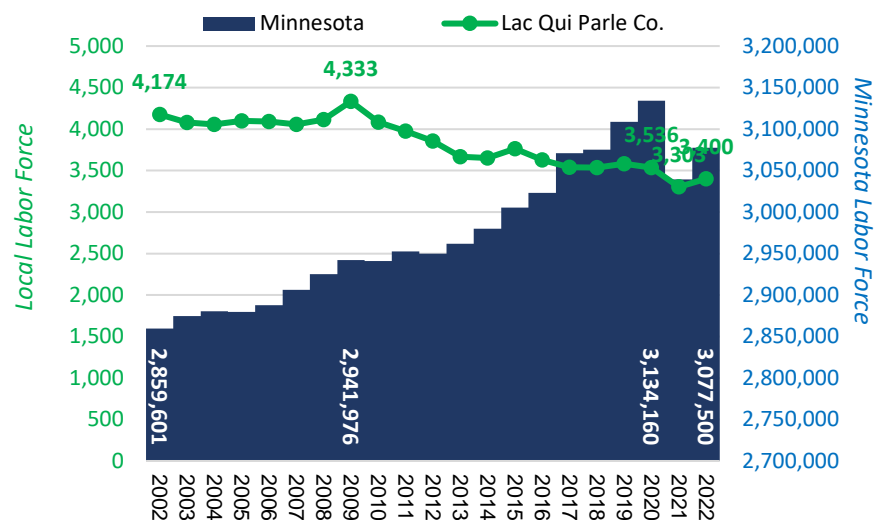
-655 workers  
-16.2% decline

**2.7%** unemployment rate

2.7% state

**92** unemployed workers

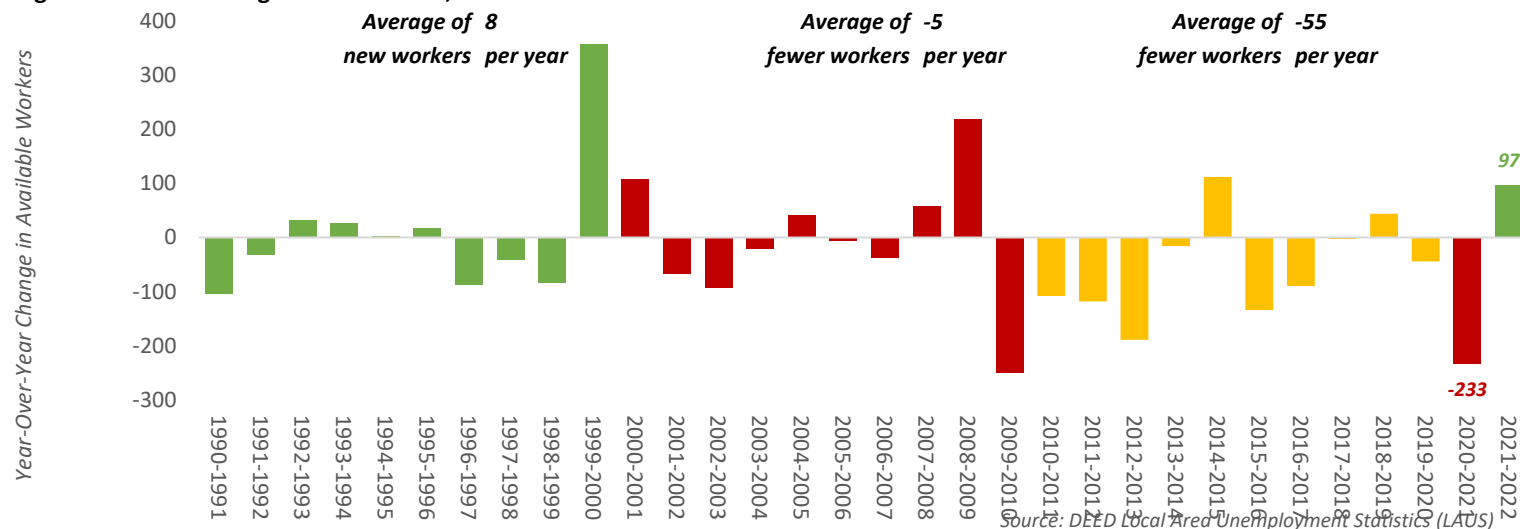
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of 8.3 workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Lac Qui Parle Co. averaged an annual loss of -5 fewer workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a loss of -54.6 fewer workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Lac Qui Parle Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2022



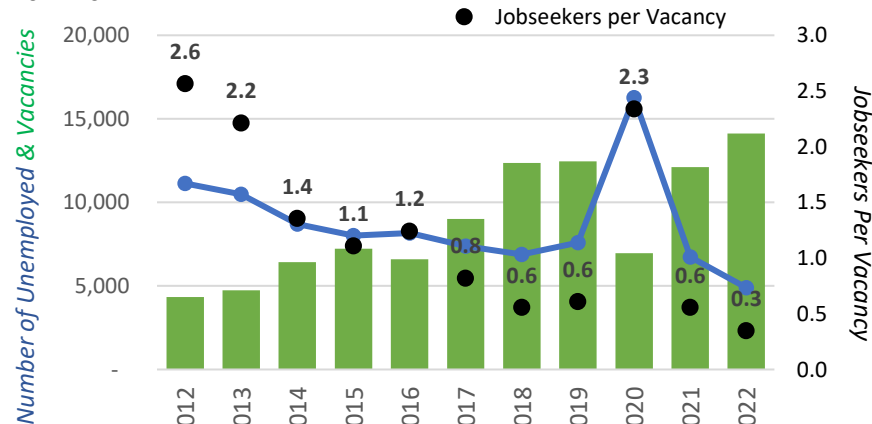
Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2025-2035	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	361	353
25 to 54 years	1,578	1,510
55 to 64 years	597	461
65 years & over	396	296
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>2,933</b>	<b>2,620</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center, 2017-2021 ACS

The labor market had grown extremely tight in recent years, with less than 1 jobseeker per vacancy until the pandemic recession intervened in early 2020 and the number of unemployed workers spiked. Job vacancies in Southwest reached new highs in the 4th quarter of 2021, quickly bringing back challenges in finding new workers and 2022 showed the lowest jobseeker-per-vacancy ratio on record (see Figure 8).

Figure 8. Jobseekers Per Vacancy, 2012-2022



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

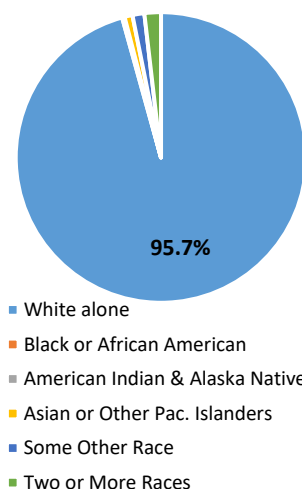
## LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Lac Qui Parle Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Lac Qui Parle Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 82.6% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2021

	Lac Qui Parle Co.			Minnesota		Labor Force by Gender	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>3,265</b>	<b>59.0%</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>69.2%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>1,765</b>	<b>1,500</b>
16 to 19 years	135	40.8%	17.0%	52.3%	10.7%	82	53
20 to 24 years	244	83.0%	1.7%	83.3%	6.7%	124	120
25 to 44 years	1,091	85.3%	2.0%	88.8%	3.6%	568	523
45 to 54 years	600	83.4%	2.2%	87.6%	3.0%	324	276
55 to 64 years	825	75.3%	1.3%	73.1%	3.2%	435	390
65 to 74 years	296	32.3%	0.0%	28.0%	3.2%	190	106
75 years & over	74	8.2%	5.4%	6.6%	2.9%	42	32
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp; Hispanic Origin</b>							
White alone	3,124	58.8%	2.1%	68.5%	3.4%		
Black or African American	6	17.6%	0.0%	71.9%	8.6%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	3	30.0%	0.0%	57.4%	12.9%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	29	74.4%	0.0%	72.7%	4.1%		
Some Other Race	43	63.2%	18.6%	75.8%	6.2%		
Two or More Races	60	85.7%	5.0%	74.1%	7.3%		
Hispanic or Latino	80	75.5%	11.3%	77.0%	6.6%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disability</b>							
With Any Disability	141	45.2%	5.7%	53.6%	9.9%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment</b>							
Population, 25 to 64 years	2,515	81.3%	1.8%	84.4%	3.4%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	109	69.9%	0.7%	66.6%	4.6%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	725	73.8%	1.7%	77.3%	2.5%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	1,070	84.9%	2.0%	85.1%	3.6%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	612	88.1%	1.5%	90.3%	2.1%		

Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2021

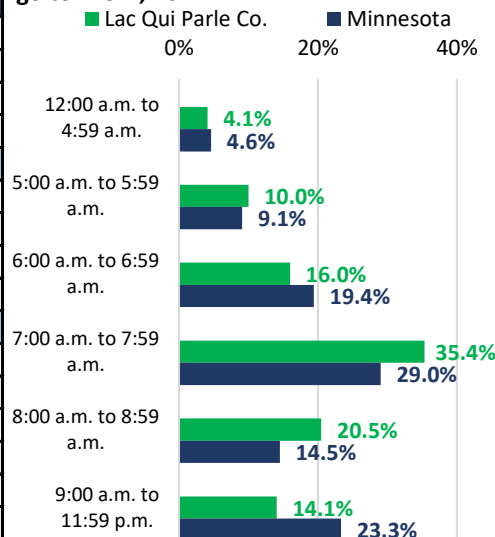


Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

A larger percentage of workers in Lac Qui Parle Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Lac Qui Parle Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2021	Lac Qui Parle Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	3,025	96.6%	2,858,636	97.7%
Worked in county of residence	2,286	73.0%	1,922,337	65.7%
Worked out of county of residence	739	23.6%	933,372	31.9%
Worked outside state of residence	106	3.4%	67,296	2.3%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	2,539	81.1%	2,387,561	81.6%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	9	0.3%	81,926	2.8%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	172	5.5%	122,889	4.2%
Worked at home	410	13.1%	333,556	11.4%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	1,249	39.9%	465,223	15.9%
10 to 19 minutes	770	24.6%	895,335	30.6%
20 to 29 minutes	492	15.7%	649,557	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	344	11.0%	567,631	19.4%
45 to 59 minutes	103	3.3%	190,186	6.5%
60 or more minutes	169	5.4%	158,000	5.4%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>17.9 minutes</b>		<b>23.5 minutes</b>	

Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2021



Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Lac Qui Parle Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Lac Qui Parle Co. had the 59th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

Median Household Income

\$60,718

state

\$77,706

Median Family Income

\$76,771

state

\$98,356

Per Capita Income

\$34,614

state

\$41,204

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey

Figure 11. Household Incomes, 2021

Less than \$25,000

\$25,000-\$49,999

\$50,000-\$74,999

\$75,000-\$99,999

\$100,00-\$149,999

\$150,000 or more

Lac Qui Parle Co.

18.1%

23.1%

20.1%

14.0%

14.2%

10.5%

Minnesota

13.4%

18.0%

17.0%

14.0%

18.9%

18.8%

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. Lac Qui Parle Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.02 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$14.74 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2022									
Single Adult, 0 children	Single Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes
Lac Qui Parle Co.	\$27,091	\$13.02	\$0	\$371	\$152	\$565	\$628	\$256	\$286
State of Minnesota	\$33,708	\$16.21	\$0	\$359	\$157	\$903	\$663	\$345	\$382
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1 working full-time, 1 part-time), 1 child	Family Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes
Lac Qui Parle Co.	\$46,001	\$14.74	\$218	\$847	\$538	\$756	\$728	\$439	\$307
State of Minnesota	\$60,540	\$19.40	\$579	\$822	\$561	\$1,151	\$772	\$540	\$620

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Lac Qui Parle Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 83rd highest value of the 87 counties in 2021. Lac Qui Parle Co.'s housing stock was older than the state's, with a lower percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-occupied Housing Units, 2021	Lac Qui Parle Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	2,404	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	533	22.2%	4.3%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	607	25.2%	6.1%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	379	15.8%	9.5%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	282	11.7%	14.8%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	347	14.4%	28.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	180	7.5%	26.4%
\$500,000 or more	76	3.2%	10.2%
Median (dollars)	\$107,000		\$250,200

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage

\$1,063

state

\$1,682

Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs

23.4%

state

21.7%

Median monthly rent costs

\$606

state

\$1,081

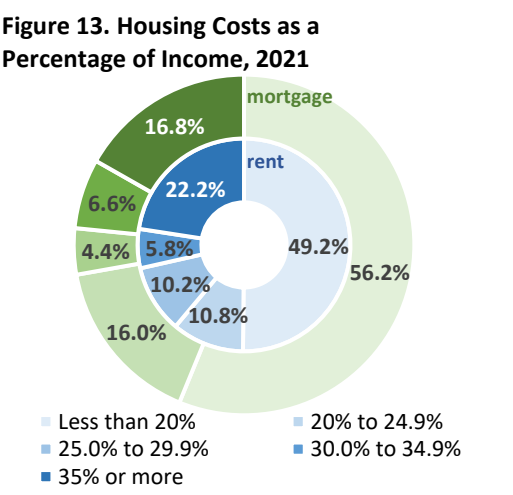
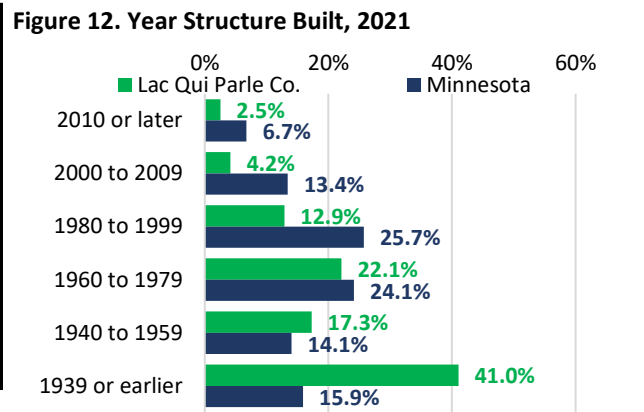
Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent

28.0%

state

45.4%

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates





## OCCUPATIONS

At \$20.82 in 2023, wages were lower in Region 6W than the state. Overall, Region 6W had the 2nd lowest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$39.61) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.34) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment &amp; Wage Statistics, 2023

Occupational Group	Region 6W				State of Minnesota		
	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	State-wide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>\$20.82</b>	<b>16,160</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$24.25</b>	<b>2,827,310</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Management	\$39.61	930	5.8%	0.8	\$51.58	193,760	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$30.40	460	2.8%	0.4	\$38.19	201,940	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$33.07	70	0.4%	0.1	\$49.73	99,250	3.5%
Architecture & Engineering	\$37.83	130	0.8%	0.4	\$40.60	53,100	1.9%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$28.14	130	0.8%	0.8	\$39.37	29,070	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$23.36	340	2.1%	1.1	\$25.82	54,820	1.9%
Legal	\$30.60	30	0.2%	0.3	\$47.87	18,730	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$23.38	1,310	8.1%	1.4	\$24.82	158,830	5.6%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$19.57	130	0.8%	0.6	\$28.80	37,630	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$34.77	1,080	6.7%	1.0	\$41.07	186,700	6.6%
Healthcare Support	\$17.51	1,180	7.3%	1.3	\$17.40	162,400	5.7%
Protective Service	\$23.39	260	1.6%	1.1	\$25.83	40,620	1.4%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.34	1,290	8.0%	1.0	\$14.89	216,970	7.7%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$17.71	570	3.5%	1.3	\$18.26	76,210	2.7%
Personal Care & Service	\$15.88	360	2.2%	1.1	\$16.96	58,120	2.1%
Sales & Related	\$15.61	1,330	8.2%	1.0	\$18.14	239,500	8.5%
Office & Administrative Support	\$20.52	1,810	11.2%	0.9	\$23.06	345,830	12.2%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$19.79	60	0.4%	2.6	\$19.84	4,060	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$25.03	790	4.9%	1.2	\$31.00	113,930	4.0%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$24.42	820	5.1%	1.5	\$27.95	98,670	3.5%
Production	\$19.08	1,530	9.5%	1.3	\$22.07	209,380	7.4%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$20.95	1,530	9.5%	1.2	\$19.80	227,780	8.1%

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2023

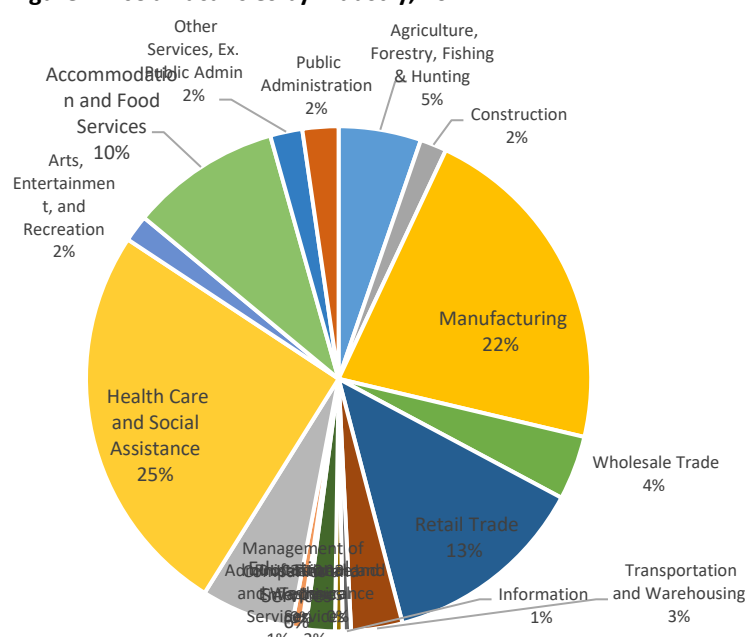
## JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Lac Qui Parle Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region. There were 14128 job vacancies posted by employers in 2022, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Southwest Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2022

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>14,128</b>	<b>\$16.55</b>
Management	430	\$27.04
Business & Financial Operations	151	\$24.64
Computer & Mathematical	99	\$31.77
Architecture & Engineering	130	\$27.09
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	69	\$20.91
Community & Social Service	159	\$25.21
Education, Training & Library	731	\$17.88
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,252	\$25.17
Healthcare Support	1,290	\$14.92
Protective Service	142	\$19.76
Food Preparation & Serving Related	2,626	\$13.56
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	379	\$15.50
Personal Care & Service	135	\$12.78
Sales & Related	1,467	\$14.33
Office & Administrative Support	766	\$14.07
Construction & Extraction	165	\$17.90
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	554	\$22.90
Production	1,782	\$18.26
Transportation & Material Moving	786	\$17.46

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2022



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2022

## OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Southwest Occupations in Demand, 2022

Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Home Health and Personal Care Aides \$30,145/yr	Nursing Assistants \$33,957/yr	Registered Nurses \$76,734/yr	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$53,146/yr
Retail Salespersons \$28,932/yr	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses \$48,351/yr	Clinical Laboratory Technologists and Technicians \$55,177/yr	General and Operations Managers \$79,034/yr
Cashiers \$25,982/yr	Medical Assistants \$41,596/yr	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$59,965/yr	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$57,121/yr
Fast Food and Counter Workers \$24,598/yr	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$37,127/yr	Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists \$79,803/yr	Accountants and Auditors \$64,075/yr
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$45,543/yr	Electricians \$57,423/yr	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$51,741/yr	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health \$51,967/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers \$43,858/yr	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers \$49,409/yr	Surgical Technologists \$57,436/yr	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term \$35,428/yr
Waiters and Waitresses \$25,523/yr	Machinists \$48,003/yr	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians \$65,570/yr	Project Management Specialists and Business Operations \$60,798/yr
Stockers and Order Fillers \$30,099/yr	Industrial Machinery Mechanics \$52,667/yr	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians \$37,547/yr	Pharmacists \$134,918/yr
Customer Service Representatives \$37,334/yr	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists \$29,742/yr	Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$58,234/yr	Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$60,938/yr
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary \$29,982/yr	Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics \$36,614/yr	Forest and Conservation Technicians \$47,186/yr	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and \$54,030/yr

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

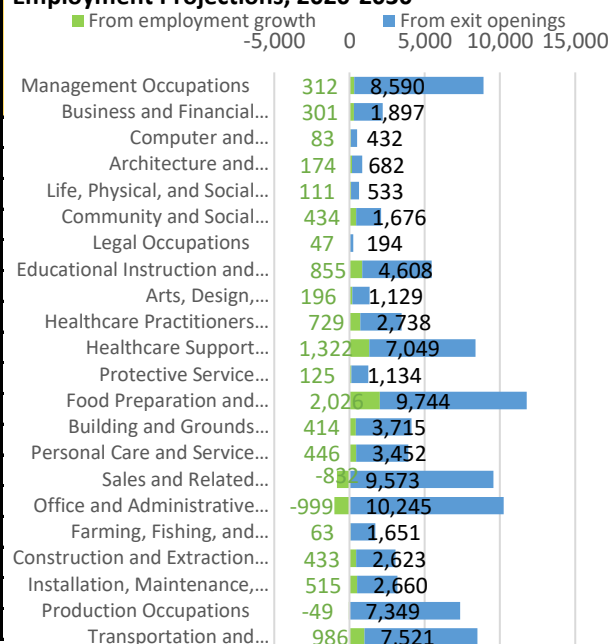
Lac Qui Parle Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region, which is projected to see a 3.9% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2020-2030

Southwest Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2020	Projected Employment 2030	Percent Change 2020-2030
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>195,812</b>	<b>203,504</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
Natural Resources & Mining	5,931	6,026	1.6%
Utilities	713	735	3.1%
Construction	7,573	8,082	6.7%
Manufacturing	30,107	30,719	2.0%
Wholesale Trade	8,045	8,118	0.9%
Retail Trade	18,569	17,653	-4.9%
Transportation & Warehousing	7,385	7,817	5.8%
Information	2,152	2,001	-7.0%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	8,098	8,232	1.7%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies	5,283	5,512	4.3%
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	3,421	3,636	6.3%
Educational Services	15,564	16,274	4.6%
Health Care & Social Assistance	29,352	32,081	9.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	11,744	14,382	22.5%
Other Services	6,756	7,462	10.4%
Public Administration	13,193	13,517	2.5%

Source: DEED 2020-2030 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2020-2030



## ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Lac Qui Parle Co. had the 77th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Lac Qui Parle Co. was the 18th fastest growing in the past year and the 46th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2022, employment in Lac Qui Parle Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.

240 business establishments

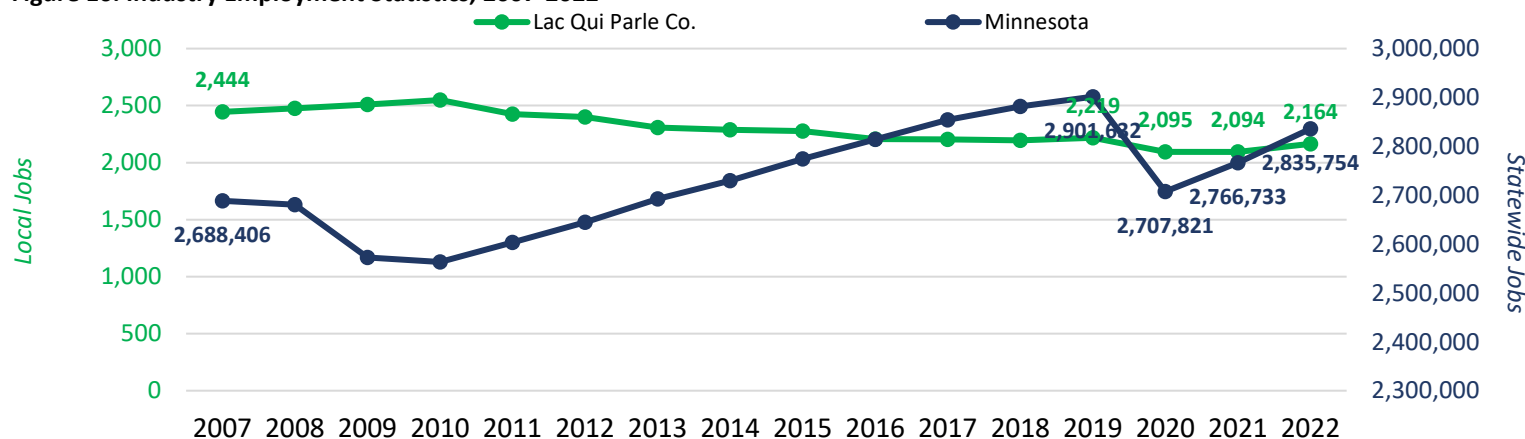
\$43,785 annual average wage

2,164 jobs

\$94,750,584 total industry payroll

Job change,  
2019-2022-55 jobs  
-2.5% decline

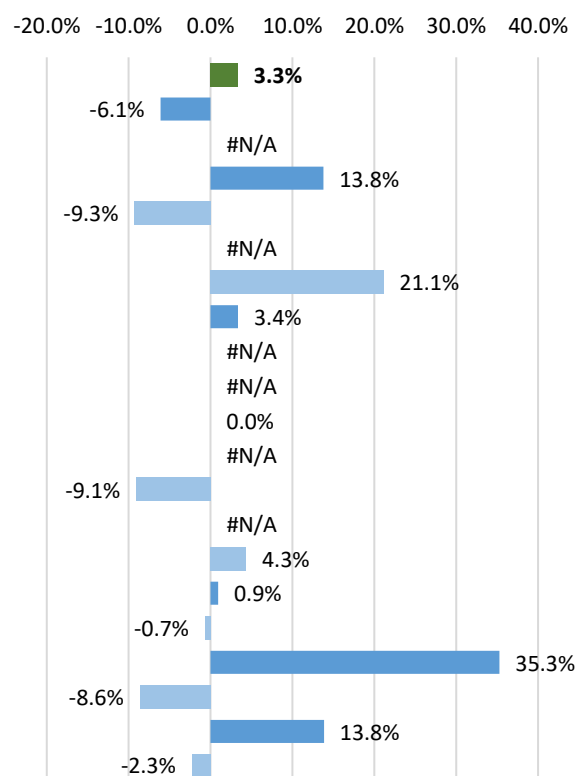
Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2007-2022



Source: DEED QCEW program

Table 15. Lac Qui Parle Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2022	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>2,164</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$43,785</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	46	2.1%	\$41,330
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	132	6.1%	\$48,079
Manufacturing	122	5.6%	\$70,969
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	235	10.9%	\$49,468
Retail Trade	215	9.9%	\$31,457
Transportation & Warehousing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Information	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Finance & Insurance	95	4.4%	\$55,982
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Professional & Technical Services	10	0.5%	\$17,421
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	48	2.2%	\$33,529
Educational Services	325	15.0%	\$41,320
Health Care & Social Assistance	437	20.2%	\$49,690
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	23	1.1%	\$3,237
Accommodation & Food Services	85	3.9%	\$5,911
Other Services	74	3.4%	\$17,912
Public Administration	171	7.9%	\$40,342

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2021-2022



Source: DEED Quarterly Census of Employment &amp; Wages (QCEW)

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